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Ms. Pam Bonrud, Executive Director
Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Building
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

Dear Ms. Bonrud:

Qwest Corporation has attached for filing with the Commission the following revised pages from our Exchange and Network Services Tariff:

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These revisions increase the Federal Telephone Lifeline Plan Credit from \$7.75 to \$8.25. This increase is being made to offset the \$.50 increase in the Residence Subscriber Line Charge which has been approved by the FCC and will be effective July 1, 2003.

We would appreciate acknowledgment of receipt of this filing. A duplicate copy of this letter is attached for your convenience. If you have any questions, please call me on 605-335-4596.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Colleen E. Sevold".

Colleen E. Sevold
Manager-Regulatory Affairs

Attachment

**Qwest Corporation
Exchange and Network
Services Tariff**

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A.3. (Cont'd)

- c. The Lifeline Assistance Plan credit will begin with the first billing date after the Company is notified by applicants who qualify for benefits or when new service is established by a qualifying customer.
- d. Nonrecurring charges will not apply to establish this program on existing service.
- e. This credit shall apply only to a customer's principal residence line.

4. Credit

	CREDIT USOC	MONTHLY CREDIT[1]
• Lifeline Assistance Plan Credit	ASGFX	\$8.25 (I)

[1] The total monthly credit consists of the \$6.50 baseline FCC Lifeline support and an additional \$1.75 FCC Lifeline support. See Tribal Lifeline for expanded federal lifeline benefits available to residents living on reservations.

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B. Tribal Lifeline

1. Description

Tribal Lifeline provides additional lifeline support of up to \$25.00, in addition to the baseline Federal Lifeline support of \$8.25 for qualifying low-income individuals living on reservations as defined by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) regulations. (C)

2. Terms and Conditions

- a. Residents living on reservations are eligible for the Tribal Lifeline benefit if they participate in one or more of the following programs:
- Medicaid (e.g. Title XIX/Medical, state supplemental assistance),
 - Food Stamps,
 - Supplemental Security Income (SSI),
 - Federal public housing assistance,
 - Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LHEAP),
 - Bureau of Indian Affairs general assistance program,
 - Tribally administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program,
 - Head Start programs (only for those meeting its income-qualifying standard),
 - National School Lunch Program's free lunch program.
- b. The Company must obtain the customers signature on a document in which the eligible customer certifies, under penalty of perjury, that such customer receives benefits from at least one of the programs above, and lives on a reservation. In addition to identifying the program or programs from which that customer receives benefits, the customer must also agree to notify the Company if that customer ceases to participate in the qualifying program or programs.
- c. Tribal Lifeline benefits apply to the primary flat local residential access line, outside the base rate area and touch-tone service charges, mileage charges, zone charges, or other non-discretionary charges associated with basic residential service. The benefit may not bring the basic local residential access line rate below \$1.00 per month.

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B. Tribal Lifeline (Cont'd)

3. Monthly Credit[1]

	CREDIT USOC[2]	CREDIT AMOUNT
• Flat individual line (1FR)		
- Chamberlain	ASGFT	\$13.00
- Flandreau	ASGFT	13.00
- Pierre	ASGFT	13.80
- Sturgis	ASGFT	13.00
- Morristown/McIntosh		
- Base Rate Area	ASGFT	11.45
- Outside Base Rate Area	ASGFT	14.45
- Timber Lake		
- Base Rate Area	ASGFT	10.75
- Outside Base Rate Area	ASGFT	13.75

[1] The ASGFX credit of \$8.25 applies in addition to the Tribal Lifeline credit. (C)

[2] The credit amount is calculated by adding the 1FR rate and any applicable outside the base rate area and touch-tone charges plus the \$6.50 subscriber line charge together. The ASGFX credit of \$8.25 is subtracted from the total and the remaining difference less \$1.00 which is the minimum Tribal Lifeline rate allowed, is the credit amount. For example: Tribal Lifeline customer in Timber Lake, outside the base rate area, ($\$15.00 + \$1.50 + \$6.50 = \$23.00 - \$8.25 = \$14.75 - \$1.00 = \13.75) credit. (C)

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
WEEKLY FILINGS
For the Period of June 12, 2003 through June 18, 2003

If you need a complete copy of a filing faxed, overnight expressed, or mailed to you, please contact
Delaine Kolbo within five business days of this report. Phone: 605-773-3705

CONSUMER COMPLAINTS

CT03-010 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Chris Nelson on behalf of Pharmco Industries, Inc., Platte, South Dakota, against S&S Communications/Alterna-Cell Regarding Loss of Long Distance Services.

Complainant purchased a 48 month prepaid long distance phone service contract from the respondent on 01/06/03, service was activated on 02/01/03 and due to a financial crisis on the part of the respondent, service was terminated on 06/03/03. Complainant seeks a full refund of payments made to the respondent and to have the Commission take steps to prevent consumers from being harmed by this type of activity in the future.

Staff Analyst: Jim Mehlhaff
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier
Date Docketed: 06/17/03
Intervention Deadline: N/A

ELECTRIC

EL03-021 In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of a Consent and Agreement for Electric Service in Assigned Territory of another Electric Supplier between NorthWestern Energy and Dakota Energy Cooperative, Inc.

On June 16, 2003, NorthWestern Energy and Dakota Energy Cooperative filed a joint petition requesting approval for the release of assigned territorial rights from Dakota Energy Cooperative to NorthWestern Energy. Dakota Energy consents to NorthWestern providing service up to a maximum of 5 kW to a camper site and seasonal cabin with a maximum of 676 square feet to be used by Larry Picek or subsequent occupant and located at the following described property: the East Half (E 1/2) of the South Half (S 1/2) of the North Half (N 1/2) of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section 24, Township 111N, Range 62W of the 5th Principal Meridian, Beadle County, South Dakota, except Lot H-2. The territory involved in this request is located along SD Highway 37 approximately one mile North of the City of Huron.

Staff Analyst: Michele Farris
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Docketed: 06/16/03
Intervention Deadline: 07/07/03

EL03-022 In the Matter of the Application for a Master Metering Variance Request for the Western Mall, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

On June 16, 2003, TSP filed with the Commission, on behalf of the owner of the Western Mall, a request for a master meter variance request. The Western Mall is currently served by a central physical plant, which is nearing the end of its useful life and needs to be upgraded. The physical plant is currently served with a single electric meter. The owner is proposing individual roof top units for each of the tenants. Therefore, they are requesting a variance, in accordance with ARSD 20:10:26, to allow the continued use of a single master meter.

Staff Analyst: Michele Farris
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Docketed: 06/16/03
Intervention Deadline: 07/07/03

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

TC03-092 In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and TW Wireless, L.L.C.

On June 12, 2003, the Commission received a filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation (Qwest) and TW Wireless, L.L.C. (TW Wireless). According to the parties, the Amendment is an ISP Bound Traffic Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest and TW Wireless. This is an Amendment to the Type 2 Wireless Interconnection Agreement and is made in order to implement the requirements of the FCC Order on Remand and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 99-68 regarding intercarrier compensation for ISP bound traffic. The original agreement was approved by the Commission on February 11, 2000, in Docket No. TC99-123. Any party wishing to comment on the agreement may do so by filing written comments with the Commission and the parties to the agreement no later than July 2, 2003. Parties to the agreement may file written responses to the comments no later than twenty days after the service of the initial comments,

Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier
Date Docketed: 06/12/03
Initial Comments Due: 07/02/03

TC03-093 In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc.

One June 12, 2003, the Commission received a filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. The original agreement was approved by the Commission on July 23, 1999, in Docket No. TC99-057. The parties entered into an Amendment No. 1 and

No. 2, which was approved on September 29, 2000, in Docket No. TC00-107. According to the parties, the bill and keep provisions of Amendment No. 2 terminated on December 31, 2002. The parties have continued to treat reciprocal compensation as bill and keep on a month-to-month basis since December 31, 2002. The parties wish to amend the Agreement by extending the terms and conditions contained in Amendment No. 2. Any party wishing to comment on the agreement may do so by filing written comments with the Commission and the parties to the agreement no later than July 2, 2003. Parties to the agreement may file written responses to the comments no later than twenty days after the service of the initial comments.

Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier
Date Docketed: 06/12/03
Initial Comments Due: 07/02/03

TC03-094 In the Matter of the Application of BAK Communications, LLC for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Local Exchange Services in South Dakota.

BAK Communications, LLC has filed an application for a Certificate of Authority to provide competitive local exchange services to residential customers in South Dakota using a combination of the resale platform and the unbundled network elements provided by the incumbent local exchange carriers.

Staff Analyst: Bonnie Bjork
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Docketed: 06/12/03
Intervention Deadline: 07/07/03

TC03-095 In the Matter of the Filing by Qwest Corporation for Approval of Revisions to its Exchange and Network Services Tariff.

On June 13, 2003, Qwest Corporation filed a revision to its South Dakota Exchange and Network Services Tariff. These revisions increase the Federal Telephone Lifeline Plan Credit from \$7.75 to \$8.25.

Staff Analyst: Keith Senger
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier
Date Docketed: 06/13/03
Intervention Deadline: 07/07/03

TC03-096 In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of a Reciprocal Transport and Termination Agreement between PrairieWave Telecommunications, Inc. and WWC License L.L.C.

On June 18, 2003, the Commission received a Filing for Approval of a Reciprocal Transport and Termination Agreement between PrairieWave Telecommunications, Inc. and WWC License L.L.C. (WWC). According to the parties, if WWC elects to replace the existing

form of indirect interconnection with a two-way or one-way direct connection, the parties agree to negotiate a separate interconnection agreement related to the provision and compensation for such facilities. Any party wishing to comment on the agreement may do so by filing written comments with the Commission and the parties to the agreement no later than July 8, 2003. Parties to the agreement may file written responses to the comments no later than twenty days after the service of the initial comments.

Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier

Date Docketed: 06/18/03

Initial Comments Due: 07/08/03

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY QWEST) ORDER APPROVING TARIFF
CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF) REVISIONS
REVISIONS TO ITS EXCHANGE AND)
NETWORK SERVICES TARIFF) TC03-095**

On June 13, 2003, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Qwest Corporation (Qwest) for approval of revisions to its Exchange and Network Services Tariff. The revisions increase the Federal Telephone Lifeline Plan Credit from \$7.75 to \$8.25.

On June 19, 2003, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 7, 2003, to interested individuals and entities. No parties sought intervention.

The following tariff sheets were filed with regard to the Exchange and Network Services Tariff:

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At its regularly scheduled meeting of July 15, 2003, the Commission considered this matter.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the above revisions to the Exchange and Network Services Tariff. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the above referenced revisions to the Exchange and Network Services Tariff, effective as of the date of this order.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 23rd day of July, 2003.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: *Delaine Halbo*

Date: 7/24/03

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K. Sahr

ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

James A. Burg

JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner